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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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Please protect the consumer, the average American against this pending disaster

Thank you very much

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I strongly object to the inclusion of broadcast flags as intended by the MPAA and Hollywood. With DVR technology I can record TV to watch later using TiVo and I would be extremely upset if my \$400 investment to make television more convenient is rendered worthless by a poorly thought-out policy. The broadcast flag will greatly inhibit my ability to enjoy programming legally while doing nothing to prevent pirates from illegal activity. It is clear, the technology pirates are much smarter than industry, and this broadcast flag will be nothing but a minor inconvenience to them. To me, a legal user of DVR technology, this represents a major threat to my rights as a consumer. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy for no real benefit to the consumer, or realistic prevention of piracy.

I will never, ever upgrade to digital technology if it requires me to abandon the use of TiVo, which has greatly enhanced my enjoyment of television by disconnecting me from a rigid programming schedule. Quite simply, I will not go back to having the networks dictate when I watch television. Broadcast flags are clearly intended to prevent fair use.

I realize your agency has been captured by industry, and you no longer care about the consumer. Perhaps your conscience, however, will re-emerge to do something for the American people for once.

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